

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 32 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Meissner et al US 6,413,295; Hoffman et al US 6,214,087; and Meissner et al (Published Application US2001/0052273). Published Application US2001/0052273) issued as 6,413,295.

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned.


Applicants have amended the CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS to show that the instant application is a continuation-in-part of the cited prior art references. The owner (e.g. assignee) of the application, US Patent 6,413,295 and US Patent 6,214,087 is Madre International B.V. Rotterdam, Zurich Branch.

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), Applicants herein submit a Terminal Disclaimer for US Patent 6,413,295 and a Terminal Disclaimer for US Patent 6,214,087, along with the appropriate fee of \$220 (\$110 each under CFR 1.20(d)).

While not required by the 37 CFR 1.321(c), it should be noted that the three named inventors of this application are also named inventors in US 6,413,295 and US 6,214,087.

In view of the foregoing amendment, the terminal disclaimers, and these remarks, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested on behalf of the Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Rhett Brockington", with a large, stylized circular flourish at the end.

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